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SUBJECT: KOLWEZI RESCUE OPERATION

REF: BRUSSELS 09537

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT NOW IN PROCESS OF BEING
CLEARED IN STATE AND ELSEWHERE. BELIEVE IT PROVIDES
SEPARATION CAHEN DESIRES. IF FURTHER CHANGES DESIRED, LET
US HAVE THEM NOT LATER THAN 1400Z MAY 19. WE WILL ATTEMPT
TO ACCOMODATE, BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE. THERE WILL BE
IRRESISTABLE PRESSURE ON DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TO MAKE SOME
SORT OF STATEMENT AT NOON BRIEFING TODAY.

2. BEGIN DRAFT STATEMENT: THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERN-
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MENTS, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE, HAVE ASKED FOR U.S.
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS WHICH THE
BELGIANS AND FRENCH ARE UNDERTAKING TO PROTECT FOREIGN
NATIONALS IN THE AREA OF KOLWEZI IN SHABA PROVINCE, ZAIRE.
TO CARRY OUT THESE OPERATIONS THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERN-
MENTS ASKED US TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT TO DESTINATIONS
IN ZAIRE OUTSIDE THE AREA OF CONFLICT. WE HAVE AGREED TO

THEIR REQUESTS. END DRAFT STATEMENT.

3. KINSHASA FOR FYI. VANCE

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